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The Elba Elementary School Library is sponsoring a Book Fair this week - Feb. 29 - March 4. The Book Fair will be open 7:45 - 3:00 during the day and students will be able to browse and purchase books. All students, parents and visitors are invited. The Book Fair display includes new books, books with cassettes, coloring books, posters, sticker books, bookmarks and much more. All profits will be used to purchase library supplies and equipment.

County election officials keeping fingers crossed that voters will understand options

While many national political experts have labeled March 8 as "Super Tuesday," voting officials in Alabama and Coffee County will just be glad when the presidential preference and amendment elections are over and have their fingers crossed that the election won't be remembered as "Terrible Tuesday."

"What the people have are actually three elections," stated county election supervisor Nell Harvison, "and the voters may vote in one or two, but not in three! If a voter wishes to vote for a Democratic candidate and delegates, he/she must sign the Democratic list before voting and then sign a second form if he/she wishes to vote on the amendments."

"A voter who wants to vote for a Republican presidential candidate must sign the Republican list and then may vote for the candidate of his choice, and from the long list of delegates from the Congressional district, and from an even longer list of at-large delegates."

"If a voter wishes to cast votes for 17 of the 157 at-large Republican delegates, he must do so on a paper ballot upon completion of the remainder of the voting. A Republican may also vote on the statewide amendments by signing the amendment list."

While a voter must declare a party and sign a list identifying him/herself as a member of either the Democratic or Republican party, a voter who signs the Republican list may disqualify himself from voting this June in the Democratic

primary, which is when candidates in the county commission election will have their names on the ballot.

While the commission and county election is actually a primary, it is a primary for the Democrats, and a registering Republican may be breaking the law if he/she votes Republican in next week's election and then votes again in the county election in June, which is a Democratic election.

"Voters need to read a lot about the consequences in coming days before casting their ballots in next Tuesday's election," warned Mrs. Harvison. "While the law may change before June, as it now stands it will not be legal to vote for a Republican candidate for president and on a candidate's list of delegates and then vote in the county election this June when the Democrats choose their candidates."

"It is confusing and many people could lose their local voting right, but that's the way it is."

A problem that will be unique to Coffee County, but may cause just as much havoc as the statewide voting controversy, concerns where voters in Districts 1 and 3 will vote if they live in Beat 6. The county commission recently re-

districted its boundaries after a court order to add a commissioner from a predominantly black district, and after doing so, was forced to completely revamp its district lines, which resulted in Beat 6 being split into two districts.

All voters residing in District 1 will vote in the National Guard Armory located on the Airport Road, while the remaining Beat 6 voters will cast their ballots as usual at the Army Reserve Center on Claxton Ave.

While Elba residents need to check at the registrar's office to find clarification of exactly where they are to vote, a brief description of Elba residents now residing in District 1 is that all those living outside the boundaries of the bypass and those residents living in Brookdale are in the district (1).

A voter who attempts to vote at the wrong site will be asked to go to the other voting location to cast their ballot, and any voter who does not have their name on the list of qualified voters at either of the two locations may go to the registrar's office and if the name was simply omitted by mistake, a certificate will be issued making the voter eligible to cast a ballot at the proper location.

Elba residents must re-identify to vote in August city election

Elba Mayor Bob English has announced that everyone wishing to cast a ballot in the upcoming city election in August must re-identify at City Hall.

According to English, the entire present poll list for the city will be eliminated, and

only those voters who re-identify will be eligible to vote in the August city election. For more information and details on requirements and qualifications, contact City Hall at 897-2333.



Running as local delegates for Richard Gephardt for President campaign on March 8 are (l-r) Mrs. Mary Holley, Circuit Judge Terry Butts and his wife Suzie, presidential candidate Gephardt, and State Rep. Jimmy Holley. Judge and Mrs. Butts are chairmen of the 2nd Congressional District Gephardt for President campaign. Mrs. Judy Brooks and Rep. Holley are local co-chairmen of the Coffee County Gephardt for President committee.

Elba residents included on Gephardt steering committee

Coming off a decisive victory in the South Dakota primary, Democratic presidential candidate Congressman Richard A. Gephardt (D-MO), has announced his statewide steering committee for the "Super Tuesday" countdown.

Gephardt, the Democratic frontrunner, named 88 of his key Alabama supporters to the committee. United States Congressman Ben Erdreich of Birmingham, and Ronnie Flippo of Florence will serve as co-chairs for the steering committee. Alabama State Sen. Roger Bedford of

Russellville will serve as state treasurer. Congressman Gephardt also announced the campaign's Congressional district chairs: Hon. Freida Roberts, first district; Judge Terry Butts, second district; State Sen. Danny Corbett, third district; J.D. Snoddy, fourth district; Russ McDonald, fifth district; State Sen. Jim Bennett, sixth district; and Sara Skeeton McElreath, seventh district.

Others on the committee include: Rep. Jimmy Holley, Elba; Marion Hanley, Greenville.

March 3 is final day for voters to apply for absentee ballots

Mrs. Evelyn W. Hocutt, absentee election manager for Coffee County, announces that March 3, 1988, is the last day voters may apply for absentee ballot.

Anyone who wishes to vote absentee in the March 8 Presidential

Preference Primary may make application by mail or at the office located above the probate office in the Elba Courthouse before that date.

Office hours are 8 - 5 each day, Monday through Friday.

Child support collections reach all-time high

The Coffee County Dept. of Human Resources released its monthly bulletin last week for the month of February, and in the report county director Ronald Smith stated that while January was "another good month" for the department, the workers had settled into a "slower pace."

Smith also reported that he had attended a reception for Mrs. Nell Harvison in honor of her 30 years of service in the office of the probate judge, and attended a retirement reception for Mrs. Virginia Mills, who had served as Human Resource director in Covington County for many years.

Food Stamp Program supervisor Debbie Jones reported that in January the office had issued stamps to a total of 1,205 households, with total members of the households being 3,065 and the total amount of the stamps issued totaling \$131,071. Sixty-six new food stamp cases were approved during the month and twelve were denied.

Mrs. Jones reported that during the month of January the certification workers in the office processed over 342 monthly report forms and 542 changes, in addition to certifications, computer printout investigations, taking phone calls, meeting

with walk-in clients and the routine completion of forms in the certification process.

"The Coffee County Food Stamp office presently has two certification workers," stated Mrs. Jones, "and according to new staff standards the county should have 4-7 workers to meet the needs of the office. I am very pleased with the dedicated staff at the office and, despite the adversities worked under, the office continues to work at a rate of zero concerning errors."

Service Unit supervisor Cathie Hansen reported that in the past month the county unit investigated a total of 29 abuse reports, with five of the reports involving adult abuse and the remainder being juvenile.

The juvenile investigations included reports of physical abuse - 5, sexual abuse - 3, and neglect - 16. During the past year the unit reported it had investigated 299 cases of child abuse/neglect, with a finding of actual abuse or neglect being found in 129 cases. The total of 299 cases was down from a four-year high of 322 in 1986.

It was also reported that Myrna Rhoades, Natalie Kimble and Mrs. Hansen attended the Regional Foster Care Network meeting recently, and that in the future foster parents, workers and supervisors from the 13 county area will meet quarterly to plan new methods of foster parent recruiting and training.

Area counties included among 61 designated disaster areas

Gov. Guy Hunt announced last week that the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture has designated 61 Alabama counties as natural disaster areas because of damage they sustained in 1987's 11-month drought.

Drought conditions from Jan. through Nov., 1987, caused widespread crop damage to soybeans, hay, pastures and peanuts. On Jan. 8, 1988, Hunt asked the agriculture department to declare 53 counties as disaster areas, thus making low-interest loans available to farmers through the Farmers Home Administration (FmHA).

After reviewing damage assessment reports for the 53 counties, the Dept. of

Agriculture determined that 31 of them had sustained sufficient damage to warrant a "primary-county" disaster designation. Thirty other contiguous counties were also included in the declaration, Hunt said.

Among the 31 primary counties were Butler, Henry and Pike, while the 30 contiguous counties included Bullock, Coffee, Conecuh, Covington, Crenshaw, Dale and Houston.

For information on applying for drought disaster assistance in a given county, contact the FmHA office in that county.

Change of venue request denied

Circuit Judge Gary McAuley announced this week that he had denied a motion for a change in venue in the case of an Elba man charged with one count of capital murder and four counts of second-degree forgery.

Attorneys for Willie Simmons Jackson (alias Billy Boy), accused in the beating death and robbery of an elderly Elba man in July, 1987, requested the change of venue and hearings were conducted earlier this week in the matter, with a number of

witnesses called to the stand.

After hearing the testimony and pleas by the attorneys, Judge McAuley took the request under advisement and Tuesday announced he had denied the request.

be the means of sight to someone else."

Also, Elba Lions are currently sponsoring a poster design contest at the Elba Middle School to promote drug awareness and educate the public to "say no" to this national menace.

Plans are to have some of these posters displayed at the pancake breakfast.

Pancake breakfast set for March 5 from 6:00 - 10:00

The Elba Lions Club will hold its annual Pancake Breakfast at the Elba Elementary School on Saturday, March 5, from 6 until 10 a.m.

Pancake Day co-chairmen Grady Farris and Rex Boutwell are busy rounding up the necessary ingredients to make this a "better than ever" fund-raising effort for sight conversation, according to a spokesman for the group.

Tickets are available from any

Elba Lions member at \$2.00 for adults and \$1.50 for children under 12.

Free blood tests are again being offered at the event.

Also, the deposit box for old eye glasses will be moved to the elementary school during the breakfast, so that citizens may still donate their old glasses.

"Remember," say the Lions, "what might be useless to you could

Courts to aid in collecting payments from absent parents

Mr. Ron Smith, director, Coffee County Dept. of Human Resources, has stated that March has been designated as "Project Pay-up Month" by the State Dept. of Human Resources, and that each county in Alabama must submit a plan to the State Dept. of Human Resources regarding activities planned during the month.

The director stated that Coffee County's plan calls for the setting of four court dates in order to hear cases of absent parents who are in arrears with their child support payments.

Judge Gary McAuley set today (March 3) for Elba, and March 31 for Enterprise, to hear these cases. Judge Thomas Head has set March 22 for Elba, and March 21 for Enterprise. Smith stated that the Child Support Program has been very successful mainly because of the dedicated work of Judge McAuley and Judge Head.

The director reported that the Child Support Program is a cooperative effort by the courts, the district attorney's office, and the Coffee County Dept. of Human Resources. He stated that there was excellent teamwork and cooperation between these three agencies and added that it was only by working cooperatively that such a good program exists in Coffee County.

Smith reported that in addition to the setting of court dates for the hearing of contempt cases, letters of appreciation will be sent to all employers who have cooperated in obtaining child support payments from their employees.

Mrs. Cheryl Harrison, assistant district attorney for Coffee and Pike Counties, stated that all parties receiving a summons to appear in court on the designated dates needed to keep in mind that if they are in arrears, their property can be seized as part of their child support obligation.

Mrs. Harrison stated that property records are now being checked and anyone owning property such as cars, as well as other assets, needed to be aware that this property can be used in meeting child support payments.

She also reported that she will be at the courthouse on the dates of March 3, 21, 22 and 31, to negotiate with people owing child support. The negotiations will take place prior to the time of the court hearing for anyone wishing to negotiate a settlement. All cases that are not settled in the negotiations will be carried over to the court hearing.

Mother of candidate to be in Elba

Mrs. Lorene Gephardt, mother of presidential candidate Richard Gephardt, will be in Elba this afternoon (Thurs., March 3) at 1:30, according to Circuit Judge Terry Butts, who, along with his wife Suzie, is serving as 2nd Congressional District coordinators for the Gephardt campaign.

Butts said Mrs. Gephardt will arrive at the Elba courthouse, be given a tour of the old restored facility and then talk with citizens upstairs in the main courtroom.

An ad in this issue of The Elba Clipper urges voters to support Gephardt by voting for delegates Terry and Suzie Butts and Jimmy and Mary Holley, all from Elba.

Elba sixth-grade class to present play

Mrs. Smith's sixth-grade class will present a play, "The Haunting of Halloway House," on Thursday, March 10, at 7 p.m. at the Elba High School auditorium. Admission is \$1.00. All proceeds will be used to purchase a computer for the reading class.

MARCH

BRAINSTORMS

By Ferrin Cox

Our business is one that puts gray hair on your head prematurely. Tuesday of this week was surely one of those peak days when only the healthy survive. However, we were brought back to reality when another local businessman, who was also having his problems, offered to swap even with us. He would take the newspaper with all its problems and we would take his business and a different set of problems. Needless to say, we didn't entertain that offer very long.

We have an election next Tuesday. It is called "Super Tuesday." Somehow or other, we are going to select delegates to the Democratic and Republican conventions who will then select us a couple of presidential candidates for the November election. We are still finding a lot of people wanting to vote for a Republican for president but reserve their legal rights to vote for Democratic candidates in the local elections in June. Well, folks, we don't advise it. Yes, you could probably get away with it legally, but then again you might not - and it just isn't worth the chance. However, let us point out that your vote next Tuesday will have nothing at all to do with your ability to vote in the Elba city elections later this year. Those are not associated with any political party and you can vote side by side with those who voted Democrat or Republican - or however. Frankly, we are going to either cast our vote for the Democrats or just the amendments, because we are going to have our say in the county commission race, judges' race, etc., in Coffee County come June.

Six amendments are on the ballot for next Tuesday. Several are not really earth-shattering, and we don't have strong feelings about them all, but several do. We are going to vote yes on the first four and no on the last two. Our "no" votes are the strongest of them all. On No. 1 we vote yes, feeling it is best to bind into the machine to keep our elected officials from being able to raid the state retirement funds to finance some folly or whatever. No. 2 eliminates an unfairness in which we tax companies owned outside of Alabama, and this may keep some business from coming in here and putting our folks to work. No. 3 is long overdue and its purpose is to prevent state legislators from passing bills in Montgomery that cost the county commission money without the commissions themselves having any say-so on the matter. Under this new law, any lawmaker wishing to spend county money would have to have the approval of that county before he could pass any such local bill. Otherwise, said lawmaker must furnish the extra money if he or she is going to mandate its expenditure. They can still pass such laws, but the lead time is longer and puts the lawmakers and commissioners on notice of just what is going on. No. 4 probably will not do a whole lot, but it is worth the effort. It allows some redevelopment zones in blighted areas. It will allow local governments to set up such districts and give them favored tax benefits. This too might put some folks to work. No. 5 is a no. It allows a bunch of elected officials to get in on the state retirement program. We strongly feel people should seek public office as a civic duty, and not as a retirement fund. We will fight you over this deal. Also, No. 6 is a no. We have no objections to a county music hall of fame - in fact like the idea - but this thing is so filled with trash, it shouldn't have been allowed on the ballot. It extends the board from any part of the state law, including bid laws, limits on personal expenses, allows them to issue more bonds "if they need it," and then says that when doing all this, if they have spent their money and can't repay the bonds, we will step in and do it for them. Vote "no" on 5 and 6 is what I plan to do. Come back next year with a cleaned-up bill and we will support the county music hall of fame and even take our Hank Williams Jr. fan club member son up there.

Elba has four people running as delegates for Richard Gephardt in the presidential primary next Tuesday. They are Terry and Suzie Butts, and Jimmy and Mary Holley. We ain't getting into this horse race, but if you are so inclined, watch the ballot for their names.

We would be remiss if we didn't note that Jackson W. "Bill" Stokes is also on this ballot. He is running as a delegate for Albert Gore.

Bank Women To Meet March 24 - 26 At Eufaula

The 36th annual Alabama State Conference of the National Association of Bank Women has been scheduled for March 24 - 26 at Lakepoint Resort in Eufaula.

The conference will focus on changes such as mergers and acquisitions, competitive positioning and new ways of doing business which require restructuring of the banking industry.

It will offer practical information to bank women on preparing for these changes and positioning themselves to survive and prosper.

The annual banquet will be set for 7 p.m. "Three On A String" will entertain Saturday, March 26. A set aside for reports and presentation of incoming state officers.

Color Guard Contest Set For Saturday Night At Elba High

The Elba High School Band Boosters and the Gulf Coast Color Guard Circuit

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ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 1st Thurs. 5 p.m. - Super. Office.

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BOY SCOUTS - Mon. 7 p.m. - Over Old City Hall.

RESCUE SQUAD - 2nd & 4th Tues. 7 p.m. - Library.

WATER & ELECTRIC - 1st Sat. 5 p.m. - City Hall.

MARION LINDSEY - 1st Sat. 7:30 p.m. - Legion Hall, Troy.

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NEW BROCKTON RESIDENTS HONORED . . . Three New Brockton residents received awards during the quarterly Incentive Awards Ceremony at Ft. Tucker Friday, Feb. 19. Helen Burrows (left), Dorothy M. Moore (center), and Betty C. Phillips all received Performance Awards. (U.S. Army photo by Spec. 4 Nancy Piedmonte)

OBITUARIES

OLA BARNES KENDRICK

Mrs. Ola Barnes Kendrick, age 90, of Elba, died Sunday, Feb. 28, 1988, in the Elba Nursing Home.

Funeral services were held Feb. 29 at 11 a.m. from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home with the Rev. Dr. Doug Davis officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Mrs. Kendrick was preceded in death by her husband, Will Kendrick.

Survivors include one daughter and son-in-law Jack and Mary Will Dickert; Brundidge; one sister, Ella Barnes Bumpers; Gadsden; two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Burial was in the Evergreen Cemetery with Hayes directing.

Contributions in Mrs. Kendrick's honor may be made to the Elba First Baptist Church.

EDMUND HAMILTON HATCHER JR.

Mr. Edmund Hamilton Hatcher Jr., age 63, of Elba, died Wednesday, Feb. 24, 1988, at his home.

Funeral services were held Feb. 25 at 3 p.m. from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home with the Rev. Don Polston officiating. Burial followed in the New Home Church Cemetery, with Hayes directing.

Survivors include his wife, Opal Mae Hatcher; Elba; five daughters: Jenny Payne, Enterprise; Pat Hall, New York City; Marilyn Thompson, Tallahassee; Marcia Hatcher, Mobile; Sue Ellen Weeks, Kinston; a brother, Douglas Parker, Tuskegee; five grandchildren.

CHARLES EDWARD GOODSON

Mr. Charles Edward Goodson, age 50, of Rt. 1, New Brockton, died Tuesday, March 1, 1988, in an Enterprise hospital.

Funeral services were held March 2 at 2 p.m. in the Woodland Grove Baptist Church, with the Revs. Rex Henderson and Lanny Shepard officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery, with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife, Jewel Goodson; Rt. 1, New Brockton; one daughter: Tina Brown; Hoover; three brothers: Roger and Hugh Goodson, both of New Brockton; William Goodson, Elba; two grandchildren.



COY HARRISON IS EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH AT DORSEY'S. . . Coy Harrison, machinist in Dept. 6600, has been chosen Employee of the Month for March at Dorsey Trailers.

Harrison has been employed at Dorsey's since 1950. "He shows in his work the characteristics of an outstanding employee," stated Paul King, "and his work is truly an example of 'Dorsey Pride'."

Harrison will be awarded a plaque and will have a parking place in front of the main office for the month.

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Ms. FBLA - Tanya Lee; and Mr. FBLA - Johnathan Hilton

Peanut Meeting March 10 In Enterprise

All peanut growers are invited to attend a Peanut Industry and Marketing Meeting on Thursday, March 10 at 7 p.m. at the Civic Center in Enterprise.

The meeting is sponsored by the Coffee County, Covington County and Geneva County Farmers Federation and the Coffee County Agricultural Movement.

The purpose of the meeting is to provide an industry update on grower activities, industry trends, legislative issues and the market outlook of 1988.

Guest speakers for the program include Charles Coker, manager of

the GFA Marketing Association; Randy Griggs, executive secretary of the Alabama Peanut Producers Association; James Earl Mobley, chairman of the National Peanut Growers Group; and John Anderson, division manager of Anderson's Peanuts.

Max Bozeman, Jr., chairman of the committee coordinating the meeting urges growers to attend. "We believe the program will be both educational and informative. The meeting will provide an opportunity for growers to ask questions and discuss issues that face our industry," says Bozeman.

Nellie English Joins ESJC Staff

Nellie English, a resident of the Damascus Community, has joined the instructional staff of Enterprise State Junior College's Community Services Program and will be teaching a class in Elba this spring.

The Adult Basic Education course scheduled is designed to teach basic skills in reading, English and mathematics. There is no charge for the classes which are open to persons age 16 years old or older who are not enrolled in public school. Since the classes are on-going, interested persons can enroll at any time and any session during the quarter.

The course Mrs. English will be teaching also prepares students for the new GED Test.

In 1987, more than 285 people took the GED Test through Enterprise State, many of whom had prepared for the test through local ABE/GED classes. GED examines the test to qualify them for further education, jobs, and for personal satisfaction.

Thirty years of teaching experience have the list of qualifications Mrs. English brings to her new

position. Most of these years were spent at Goodman Junior High School where her primary concentration was in teaching reading courses. The type teaching I'm doing now is different," says Mrs. English, who is currently taking a graduate course at the University of Alabama to learn more about teaching adults.

"Probably the one thing I enjoy most about my new classes," Mrs. English explains, "is that the students are so eager to learn. The variety of students enrolling in the course add an interesting atmosphere for instruction. At present I have a husband and wife who are both coming to classes."

According to Mrs. English, "The spring quarter ABE/GED classes will begin on March 14 and will meet on Monday and Tuesday evenings from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. through May 24." The classes will meet in Room 5 at Elba Junior High School. Mrs. English concludes by encouraging anyone with questions about the course to call her at 897-6285 or the College at 393-ESJC.

Roberts To Head Leukemia Society

Ted Roberts is chairing the 1988 Coffee County campaign for the Leukemia Society of America.

Roberts is chairman, president and chief executive officer of Southtrust Bank of Coffee County. His appointment is announced by district chairman Dr. Ralph Adams of Troy and state campaign chairman George C. Wallace, Jr.

During the spring, Roberts will be contacting businesses and individuals for contributions to the Alabama Chapter. Donations will be

used to fund research, patient services, and education programs sponsored by the Society.

The Leukemia Society of America is a national voluntary health agency supported solely by public contributions which are tax deductible. Inquiries are welcome and requests should be made to the Chapter Office at 1608 13th Avenue South, Suite 103, Birmingham, AL 35205.

Planting Tips

Dan J. Presley
County Agent-Coordinator

Planting Dogwoods

Dogwoods are favorite ornamentals for many Coffee Countians. And it's best to plant them in fall or winter.

The dogwood does best in a slightly acid, moist, fertile loam soil. You can improve the soil by mixing peat moss or leafmold with the soil in the planting hole.

Dogwoods also benefit from a mulch of leaves or other coarse organic material. This keeps the soil moist near the surface where the tree's shallow root system is most active and protects the trunk from lawnmower damage.

Dogwoods are very peculiar trees. In other words, they like to grow under another tree. I have also heard that if you are transplanting trees from the wild, you need to plant these trees the same way they were growing in the woods. In other words, the north side of the tree in the woods should be the north side of the tree when you replant it. I have seen no research on this, but I have heard a lot of growers say this will work.

Coffee County gardeners are getting ready for a new growing season. As you plan your garden this year, take into account the amount of sunlight needed by various vegetables.

All vegetables need some sunlight. The garden site should receive at least six hours of direct sun every day, and eight to ten hours is ideal.



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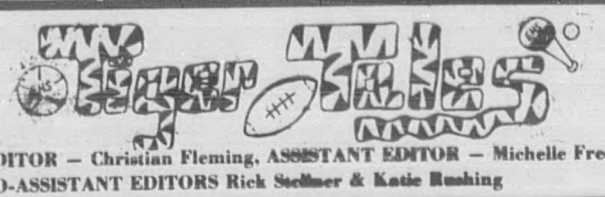
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Vica Members To Compete

In District Contest

Members of the Elba High VICA Club will attend the District IV VICA Skills contest at Wallace College in Dothan Saturday, May 5. The club will be represented in the various contests by the following students:

Amelia Bedsole, Mandy Ham, Daphne Huggins, Melissa Johnson, Wendy Moulton, Whitney Wise and Gina Young. These students have worked hard in their classes as well as after school to prepare for the contests, and deserve recognition and support.

Tara Rhoades Wins Region Recipe Contest



TARA RHOADES

Tara Rhoades, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hoy Rhoades, won first place honors in the Region III Peanut Recipe Contest held at the Montgomery Area Vocational Center on Feb. 20. She represented Coffee County, along with contestants from nine other counties. The contestants prepared the same dish used in local competition. The main dish had to be original and use peanuts and/or peanut products. Tara prepared a dish called "Pork Chops in a Nutty Citrus Sauce."

For her award Tara received a certificate and \$50. She participated as Region III's entry in the state contest Saturday, Feb. 27.

Those attending the region contest with Tara were: Judy Rhoades, her mother; Linda Smith, Wilson Dyess; and Ann Dyess, Home Economics teacher.



Those attending the play "Our Town" included Mandy Ham, Deloris McBride, Davina Mount, Gayna Smith, Wendy Moulton, Rob Rhoades, Whitney Wise, Kim McBride, Des Leandro, Amelia Bedsole, Melaine Moore, Jeannie Clark, Jennifer Taylor, Lynn Farris, Amy Fuller, Brett Bryan, Melissa Faye Johnson, Renee Tidwell, Lucinda Byrd, Krysti Owens, Kathryn Williams, Denise Smith and Stevie Sauls.

Group Of EHS Juniors Attend

Production Of "Our Town" in Dothan

The American Literature classic play, "Our Town," is required reading for high school juniors in the State of Alabama. Area high schools were afforded the opportunity of seeing this production on stage and following their study of this drama. It was presented at Dothan High School, Monday, February 8, by the University of Alabama Players. Twenty-two of Mrs. Padgett's advanced students and two of Mrs. Tucker's general class attended this production. They were accompanied by Mrs. Padgett, Mrs. Margaret Calhoun, and Mrs. Janice Clark.



Michelle Hobbs & Jennifer Smith

Employer Of The Week: Dr. Lance K. Dyess, M.D.

We are pleased to have as a participant in the 1987-88 co-op program, Dr. Lance K. Dyess, M.D. Dr. Dyess has been employing students through the Elba High School co-op program since he began his practice in Elba. Students who are employed with Dr. Dyess receive educational and professional development training as well as valuable work experience. Michelle Hobbs, a senior, has been employed by Dr. Dyess since May 23, 1987. She attends classes at Elba High School each morning and begins her work experience at 1:30 a.m., working until 5 p.m. Jennifer Smith, a senior, has been employed since Sept. 1, 1986.



Mr. McCollough Explains Difference In Advanced And Standard Diploma

Mickey McCollough, principal at Elba High School, is shown explaining the differences in the Advanced and Standard diplomas to a group of ninth-grade students and parents. In the ninth grade students begin building up credit for graduation and decisions are made as to which course curriculum to follow. Teachers present to help answer questions were Mrs. Killingsworth, English teacher; Mrs. Pitzer, Science teacher; Mrs. Janet King, math; Mrs. Helms, History; Mrs. Adkins, math; Mike Carney and Buddy Windham, counselors.

Elba Middle School 4-H Meets

The Elba Middle School 4th grade 4-H talked about Public Speaking. And about things you like to do like sports and identifying birds. And the way you should act when you are Public Speaking and when you are in public and when your scared how to get butterflies out of your stomach when your scared.

4th Grade 4-H Reporter
STERLING JONES

Guidance Office News

If your parent or spouse had honorable service in the U.S. Armed Forces, you may be eligible for free tuition, instructional fees and required books in any state-supported institution of higher learning or state technical school in Alabama. Contact Mike Carney for more information.

What's Cooking?

ELBA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

MARCH 7-11
BREAKFAST

Monday - Cereal, Juice, Milk
Tuesday - Cheese Toast, Juice, Milk
Wednesday - Pancake, Syrup, Milk
Thursday - Eggs, Toast, Jelly, Juice, Milk
Friday - Biscuit, Jelly, Sausage, Milk

LUNCH

Monday - Fish, French Fries, Cake
Tuesday - Corn Dog, Catsup, Black-eyed Peas, Fruit, Marshmallow Cracker, Milk
Wednesday - Chicken Wiggle, Peas, Fruit, Roll, Milk
Thursday - Taco Salad, Doritos, Milk

Shredded Cheese and Lettuce, Corn, Fruit, Milk
Friday - Fried Chicken, Rice, Field Peas, Apple Turnover, Rolls, Milk

ELBA MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOLS

MARCH 7-11
BREAKFAST

Monday - Cereal, Juice, Milk
Tuesday - Cheese Toast, Juice, Milk
Wednesday - Pancake, Syrup, Milk
Thursday - Pizza, French Fries, Catsup, Butterbeans, Fruit Cup, Milk
Friday - Hamburger on Bun, Lettuce, Tomato, Dill, Onion, Potato Tots, Catsup, Milk

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The Rebel News
Camille Marler - Editor

AIDS Course To Be Taught At Zion Chapel

By: Camille Marler

AIDS is an acronym for Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, a deadly disease that destroys the body's immune and neurological systems. Zion Chapel High School students have recently taken a week-long course pertaining to AIDS.

Four teachers at Zion Chapel were specially trained to teach the AIDS course. Mrs. Anita Grant, Coach Tom Walker, Mrs. Marsha Oggs and Mrs. Melinda Hodge took an eight-hour course in AIDS instruction on Jan. 15, at Project Independence. This course was taught by Mrs. June Brown and Mrs. Peggy Waldrop.

Male and female students were separated into different classrooms and combined with another grade. The seventh and eighth grades were combined; ninth and tenth, and eleventh and twelfth.

Students learned that AIDS is caused by a virus called HIV-1, which stands for Human Immunodeficiency Virus-1. HIV-1 attacks the white blood cells in the human blood. T-cells, a kind of white blood cell that is important in the control of viruses, fungi and bacteria, are attacked and destroyed by the HIV-1 virus. As the cells are attacked by this virus, the body produces antibodies which chemicals that stay in the blood stream and fight viruses. Unfortunately the antibodies are not strong enough to fight HIV-1, and more T-cells are destroyed.

As the body's immune system is destroyed, the AIDS victim becomes weak and susceptible to "opportunistic" diseases - those that are rare and normally fought off by the immune system. A person who catches AIDS will die; there is no cure. But it is not AIDS that actually kills the patient. AIDS victims die from the diseases they catch and are unable to fight because of the destruction of their immune system.

Each teacher had a complete programmed text, an outline to use, to help them with class instruction. Students received handouts that were discussed during class. Each teacher had transparencies identical to these handouts which they could project on a large screen for the whole class to view. There were also two VCR tapes available for use.

Some students were exempt from the AIDS course at the request of their parents. Every student's parents were informed of the course in advance by a letter from Supt. Clayton Bryant.

When asked how she felt about the exemption of some students, Mrs. Oggs said, "Parents have to do what they consider is best for their children; however, it is best for them to know about it, and that not knowing about it doesn't mean you can't get it."

Students had similar opinions about the AIDS course. Senior Lavonia Johnson said she believed it was something everyone should be taught. She added, "They should also teach a sex education course. Some students may be unaware of many things and their parents might be uncomfortable explaining it. This way we'd know they'd get the information they need."

Sophomore Todd Rugg agreed that the AIDS course was a good idea, and all students should know about it. "If we don't know about it, we can't prevent it," he said. Cheryl Fuller, a junior, added, "All teenagers should know about it. The course is very detailed."

The first Saturday school will be March 5.

Students who have committed Class I, II or III disciplinary infractions will be assigned to Saturday school, alternative methods of discipline may be utilized. Any Saturday missed without justification must be made up with an extra Saturday for each one missed. Failure to attend for two Saturdays will result in referral to the superintendent for further action.

Transportation to and from Saturday school must be provided by an student. No snacks or soft drinks will be allowed, and a ten-minute break will be given at 10, giving students a chance to use the restroom and get water.

During Saturday school students may not voluntarily do home work, work on assignments given to them by their teachers, or sit quietly. The students will be asked to return to school. Disciplinary action as a result of such an incident shall be at the discretion of the administrator.

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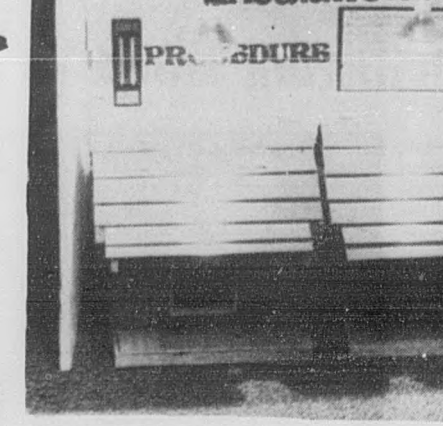
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Jeff Hussey

ZC Science Fair Winners Announced

By: Jackie Parrish

Junior Jeff Hussey, sophomore Shannon Cotton, and junior Sheila Acerman were the first-, second-, and third-place winners respectively of the senior high division of the Science Fair held recently at Zion Chapel High School.

Sophomore Tate Gatlin, senior Donna Griswold and sophomore Wesley McWaters received honorable mention.

In the junior high division, freshman Donna Holcomb placed first, freshman Jason McLeod placed second, and freshman Shannon Jinnright placed third. Freshman Jennifer Flowers, freshman Wendy Chancellor and freshman Chris Dewberry received honorable mention.

Out of the two divisions other participants were chosen to present their projects at the Regional Science Fair to be held at Troy State University, along with the division winners.

In the senior high division those chosen were: Dana Dean, junior Judy Carter, sophomore Stephanie Goodson, junior Rhonda Jackson, sophomore Tobin Lowrey, and junior Lisa Holcomb.

Freshman Junior Lee, freshman Aimee Routong, freshman Shannon Ward, freshman Marie Jackson, freshman Robyn Ross, and freshman Jeffrey Flowers were chosen from the junior high division.

Science projects were mandatory for all students in Mrs. Anita Grant's science, biology and chemistry classes. Students were graded on creative ability, scientific thought, thoroughness, neatness, skill and clarity of their interview.

Dr. Donald Barras, Pre-med advisor at Troy State University, and Dr. Charles Chapman, Biology Dept. chairman at Troy State, were the judges.

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Z.C. Briefs

ZCFA MEMBERS MAKE FIELD TRIP TO AUBURN

By: Chris Moultry

Coaches Tom Moates and Tom Walker supervised 20 members of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) who attended the Auburn-Tennessee basketball game in Auburn. On the way to the game the group stopped at Ryle's Steak House for breakfast. They needed the energy for a little shopping spree through Eastdale Mall. Some members just walked around and enjoyed the sights while others did some serious shopping. Coaches Moates and Walker did have their wives along!

The first stop in Auburn was Anderson's Book Store. This has become a favorite spot for Zion Chapel students to buy souvenirs. They were also able to tour the stadium, and a few were lucky enough to get autographs from the Auburn players.

SENIORS SEE "WILD HONEY"

By: Ona Lee Bundy

The senior class at Zion Chapel recently went on an all-day field trip to the Alabama Shakespeare Festival in Montgomery to see the performance of "Wild Honey." Those that went were chaperoned by Mrs. Marsha Oggs, Home Economics teacher, and Mrs. Rhonda Brunson, English teacher. "Wild Honey" is an unfinished play written by a Russian and continued by an English writer. It was set in the early 1900's and was about a young man who virtually destroyed his life when his affairs were discovered and he was deserted by all his lovers.

The day also included a Russian Food Festival. Home Economics classes from across the state attended the play and brought a Russian dish. These dishes were judged and awarded given, and Zion Chapel was one of the winners with an appetizer called "Pruski." Recipe is as follows:

1 Pkg. Pillsbury Hot Roll Mix
1/2 Cup Green Pepper (chopped)
3/4 Cup Soy Sauce
Cook onion and pepper in vegetable oil until tender. Remove from pan. Cook meat until all the red color is gone. Put onion and pepper back in pan with meat. Add soy sauce and continue to cook on low heat for about 20 minutes. Then cool.
Make up roll mix by directions on package and then let it rise for about an hour. Start pinching off dough (about one heaping tablespoon) and roll into balls a little smaller than a golf ball. After all is pinched off take each ball and press out with fingers. Place about a soup spoon of drained meat mixture in center. Then bring dough together at top and press together. Turn upside down on cookie sheet and let rise for about an hour.
Bake at 350 degrees for about 20 minutes or until brown.
Note: Pruski freeze real well. To use thaw and split top and put a little pat of butter in middle and heat in oven.

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Views From The Pressbox By, Ricky Mularz

I always dread the first umpiring assignment of the season, and since my first games of the year were scheduled for Sunday at the doubleheader between Steele's and two local teams, I had good reason not to look forward to the beginning of the softball season. Well, it turned out that everything went smooth and I didn't even get fussed at in either game. I got a little sun-burned and my lips got chapped, but since that was all that happened, I'll have to consider the season off to a good start!

TIGER FOOTBALLERS HARD AT WORK

Spring football training is underway at Elba High School, and almost 60 players are taking part in the drills in hopes of making an impression on the coaches that could lead to a starting position come the season next fall. I have watched practice twice and have been surprised at the size of the players in the line and the large number of players taking part in the drills. The Tigers had a very big team a couple of years ago and weren't exactly small last season, but this spring the players look as big as ever, and when they went in the "alley" the other day the linemen really went at it with intensity! Elba had a small squad last year as far as numbers go, with only 35 players on the team, but the junior high team had over 20 freshmen, and apparently most of the guys have made it to the varsity, because the Tigers seem to have more out for spring than they've had in years.

It's impossible to predict what lies ahead for the Tigers, but if the spring training means anything it looks like another exciting season is on the way!

STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT UNDERWAY

The state high school basketball tournament is underway this week at Auburn and Tuscaloosa, and even though no teams from Coffee County are among those competing, the field looks impressive and the action should be just as good as ever. Here's a quick look at each classification:

***Class 6A - There are no real powers in the big boys' class, even though Jeff Davis made the event as the No. 1 ranked team in the state. The winner of the Tuscaloosa-Center - LeFlore - Fairhope game appears to have good shots at taking the title, but this class is really up for grabs.

***Class 5A - There appears to be four teams that are head-and-shoulders above the rest, and it just so happens that the teams play in two games back-to-back Friday, so a favorite won't be hard to find come Friday night. The teams I think are easily tops in the class are Sylacauga, Jackson-Olin, Andalusia and Woodlawn, while a possible darkhorse is perennial power Russellville. This is also a very competitive field.

***Class 4A - Geneva and Abbeville give a local flavor to this class, but it is always hard to pick a real favorite due to the fact the northern teams all play tough schedules. Alexandria has been the top team all season and has to be the team to watch; however, Central of Florence is tough and Litchfield is another team that plays a lot of 6A foes.

***Class 3A - Our area is well represented with both Clayton and Louisville in the eight-team field, but I don't think either team has much of a chance to bring home the top prize. Crossville and Vincent have received a lot of publicity all season, while others with a shot at taking the title appear to be Lafayette and South Lamar. This will be a very competitive class!

***Class 2A - Florala and Wicksburg both have very good teams and have better than average shots at making it to the finals, but the class is filled with a lot of power, and just about any team in the field could win it all. Holy Family of Birmingham has the worst record, but has played nothing but Birmingham schools all year and appears to be a darkhorse. This class will also be one to watch and my gut feeling is that Wicksburg may bring the title home to the Wiregrass!

***Class 1A - There are no clear-cut favorites in the small school class, and any squad could take home the top prize. Leachapoka may have as good a team as any and will be my pick as an early favorite, but this field is wide open.

SOFTBALL DOUBLEHEADER PROVES TO BE AS EXPECTED

Everyone who attended Sunday's doubleheader between Steele's and two local softball teams came expecting to see a lot of balls strung over the fence, and while a home-run derby isn't always the most exciting show to see, everyone got their money's worth because a total of 46 homers were hit in the opener and another 31 left the park in the nightcap, making the final home-run count for the day a whopping 77! In the opener against Hickman Moving and Storage the Steele's Bullets put on a real show by hitting 38 home-runs and 54 hits, and although the Movers made a game of it for while, Steele's was clearly the top dog! The Norman Trucking - Co-op squad almost pulled off the upset of the year and actually out-homered Steele's 20-11 in the nightcap. Steele's was on the verge of getting upset late in the game, but came through with 13 runs in the sixth inning with only 3 home-runs to pull out the win.

A crowd estimated at 500 attended the doubleheader, and it was great to have such an event in Elba. All the thanks goes to Mike Carney, who called the Ohio-based team to set up the event and then brought the whole thing together. It was fun to watch the best team in the world play in Elba, and both the teams that lost left the field satisfied with their play. It was just a great day for all concerned!

IN CLOSING...

For years all we've heard was how the University of Cottonwood has dominated football in south Alabama and how great the Bears were, but since Elba was a 3A team and Cottonwood 2A, Tiger fans never got a chance to watch the Bears in action. Well, the wait is over because it was announced last week that Elba would meet Cottonwood in next year's season opener, in Elba. Cottonwood is without a doubt one of the top football schools in the state and it will be an honor to see the Bears come to town and try their luck with the Tigers. I am already looking forward to it!

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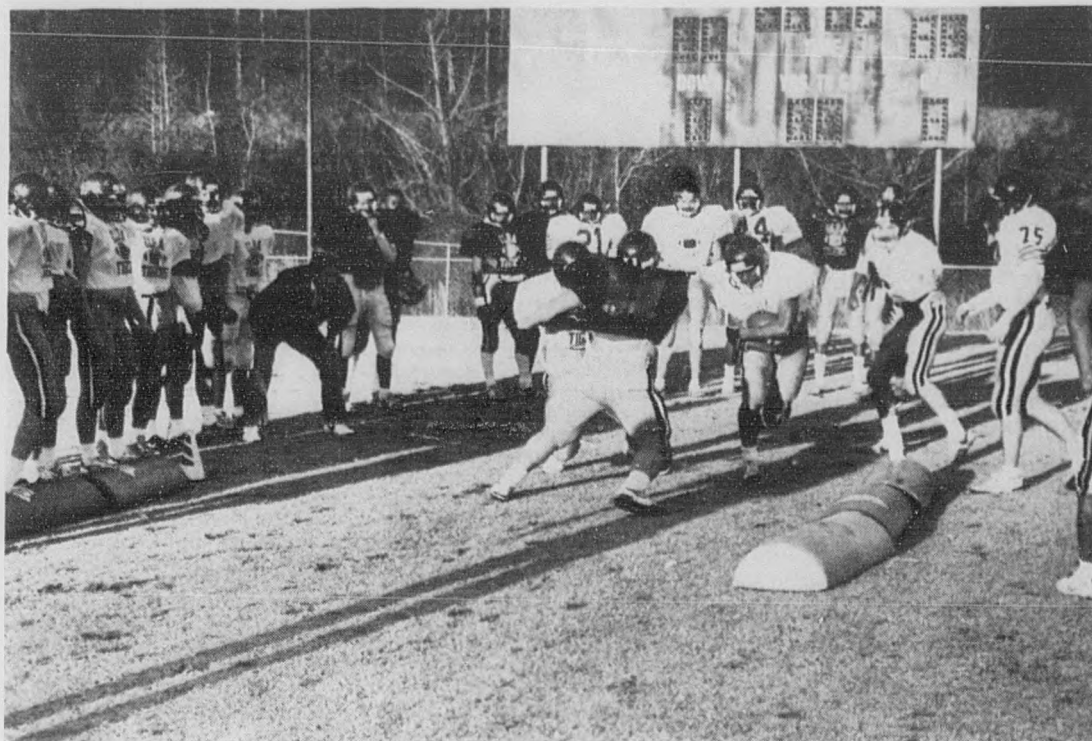
Elba Tigers Working Hard At Spring Grid Training

The Elba Tigers concluded their first week of spring football training last Friday with a scrimmage and while Coach Mack Wood reports the scrimmage was nothing to write home about, he added that the first week of practice went well and the squad is ahead of schedule going into week #2.

"We started the week with 54 players and while we're now down to 52 we feel like the ones we've got left are going to stick it out and be with us come fall," stated Wood. "We had a few absences late in the week due to illness and minor injuries, but it was a pretty good opening week and everything is beginning to look okay."

"The weather was great last week and the attitude of the team was excellent," added Wood, "which helps make it a good week. We put in our base offense and defense and found positions for just about everybody on the squad. We've got some big holes to fill on both sides of the ball and know it will take a lot of hard work; however, we seem to have some good young potential and if the kids will keep working maybe we'll be all right before too long. We hit every day last week and by the end of the week a lot of kids were a little tired and a little banged up, but we've only got two more weeks to go."

When asked about last week's scrimmage, Coach Wood reported that "It wasn't great, but then again it wasn't that bad! The effort was good from everybody that took part and almost every single player got in on a good deal of action. If there was a strongpoint it had to be the



All eyes are on the alley as Tigers work in spring drills.

defense, while over on offense we had a glaring weakness in the offensive line. We didn't really go at it real long and didn't try to give the kids too much to do."

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spend two days going over fundamentals and hopefully have game type scrimmages on Wednesday and Friday. We'll start looking at the passing game late in the week and

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Steele's Silver Bullets Score 89 Runs To Sweep Doubleheader In Elba

The Steele's Silver Bullet softball team, the 1987 ASA and ISA national champions, invaded Elba Sunday afternoon and scored a total of 89 runs in two games to sweep a doubleheader against a pair of local softball powers.

The Silver Bullets pounded Hickman Moving and Storage 37-27 in the opener, and then whipped Norman Trucking-Andalusia Co-op 32-22 in the nightcap. Following are recaps of the action:

Steele's Silver Bullets 57
Hickman Moving & Storage 27
The Silver Bullets ripped 38 home-runs to pull out a wild 37-27 win over Hickman Moving and Storage of Elba.

Hickman surprised the national champions early in the game and trailed only 17-16 after three innings; however, Steele's stretched its lead to 30-16 in the fourth inning and coasted in with the easy win.

Mike Macenko collected 6 hits, with all six being home-runs, to lead the Silver Bullets, while Scott Virkus ripped 5 homers, and Doug Robertson and Craig Elliott and Scott Stamps all hit 4 home-runs.

Rachel Moore collected 4 hits and ripped 2 home-runs to pace the

Movers, while Mike Carney added 3 hits and 2 homers. Other top hitters for Hickman included Glen Filipowski (4 hits and 1 homer), John Tucker (4 hits and 1 homer) and Johnny Dyess (4 hits).

Steele's Silver Bullets 32
Norman Trucking - AFC 22
The Silver Bullets exploded for 13 runs in the sixth inning to wipe out a one-run deficit and went on to post a 32-22 win over Norman Trucking-Andalusia Co-op, of Andalusia.

The Silver Bullets came out red-hot in the first inning and belted five home-runs to grab a quick 11-0 lead, but saw the Norman Co-op squad rally behind a little longball of its own to move ahead 17-16 after five innings!

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added 4 hits and 3 home-runs and Mike Williams added 3 homers.

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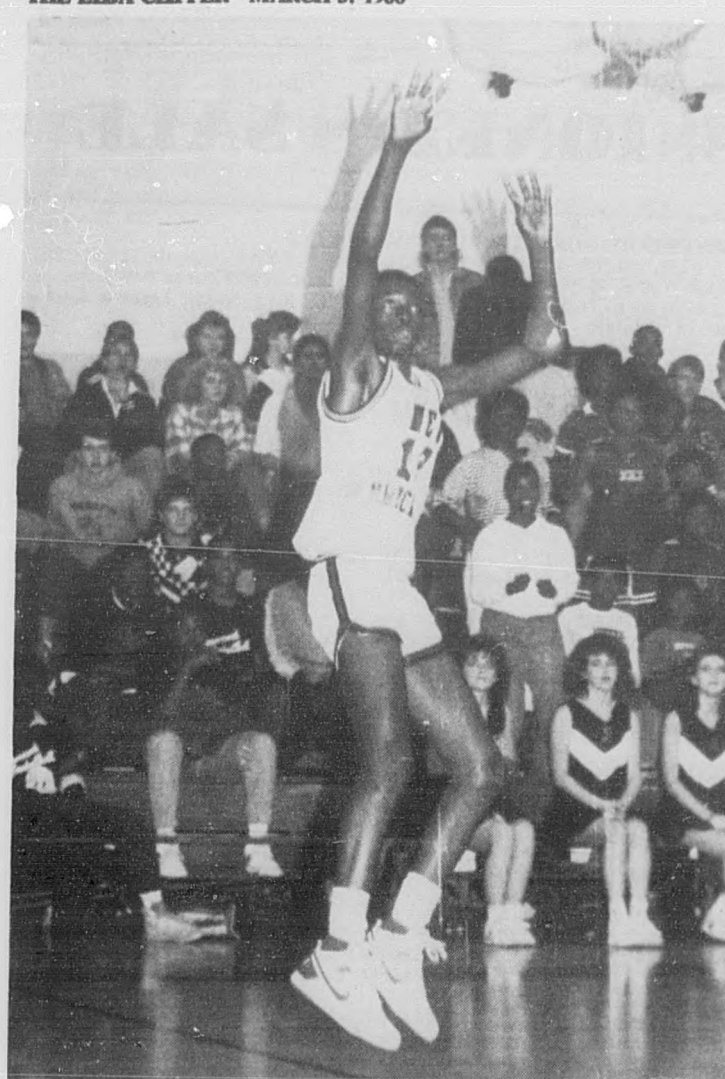
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Tony James shoots from the corner

Kinston Ousted By Conecuh 64-48

The Kinston Bulldogs saw an early lead vanish under a sea of fouls last Tuesday night as the Bulldogs lost to the Conecuh County Blue Devils 64-48, in Kinston.

The win upped Conecuh County's record to 15-7 and advanced the Blue Devils into the second round of the 1A sub-state playoffs, while Kinston saw its season end with an 11-15 slate.

Kinston came out ready to play in the opening round battle, and behind the inside play of Brandy Nobles and the 3-point shooting of Chad Keith exploded to grab a big 21-8 advantage after one quarter of action!

Brandy Nobles scored 19 points for much of the third quarter as neither team could pull ahead; however, the Bulldogs' foul woes began to mount late in the stanza and when Mike Glass was injured and had to leave the game Kinston

was in trouble and fell behind 39-34. The Devils took advantage of cold shooting by the Bulldogs to stretch their lead to 45-38 early in the final stanza. The Bulldogs never threw in the towel and battled until the final buzzer despite losing three players with five fouls, but Conecuh County hit 16 of 18 free-throws in the fourth quarter and pulled away for the 64-48 win.

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County engineer defends plans to use herbicide

The herbicide spraying of roadways across the state by the state highway department has drawn recent criticism from Alabama Attorney General Don Siegelman and, while a similar program is planned by the highway department in Coffee County, county engineer Mark Pool insists that roadways



This 500-lb. cast-iron bell, which was removed from the New Brocton Methodist Church after a tornado destroyed the building in November, 1986, was re-installed in the new church which has recently been completed and dedicated. [See related story on Page 9.]

across the county will not be brown throughout the summer.

"The herbicide spraying in Coffee County will not kill the grass," stated Pool. "It will only kill the fast-growing weeds. While the state uses a herbicide that keeps the area sprayed brown for a number of months, the chemical to be used in the county will only result in a brown-out for a couple of weeks.

"What we've got planned is to spray the weeds along the right-of-way when they get about a foot tall. The herbicide will kill the weeds, and while the grass keeps growing, the area will appear brown for a couple of weeks. The grass will remain green and will be visible; we're not going to kill everything that is growing in the area - just the weeds!"

In a recent letter Attorney General Siegelman stated that while Alabama is called "Alabama the Beautiful," the natural beauty is being marred by litter and herbicide spraying.

"The state highway department sprays herbicides along our roadways, and these poisons have killed many of our native wild flowers, trees and the crimson clover that once bordered our highways," wrote Siegelman. "This spraying has turned Alabama's roadways brown and presents a bad image to the many visitors and tourists who use our highways."

"The state highway department's spraying program needs to be abandoned in favor of a roadside beautification program that will

replant crimson clover and indigenous flowers and trees along our roadways and highways. Such a beautification program would also save the state money spent on costly herbicides."

"I really can't answer just why the clover is no longer growing along the roadways," said Pool, "but I do know that it is cheaper to spray herbicides than it is to purchase the equipment needed to keep the right-of-way cut. We have 450 miles of paved roads in this county and our plans to spray twice and then cut the shoulders in the fall is the most economical and the best plan for the county."

City officials scrap voter re-identification plans for Elba

City officials in Elba announced this week that residents wishing to vote in the August, 1988, city election would not be required to re-identify earlier stated.

Last week Mayor Bob English announced that the existing poll list

of qualified voters in the City of Elba would be discarded and all voters would have to re-identify at City Hall to be eligible to cast a vote in the upcoming city election. The announcement came following a meeting with the mayor and a high-ranking county poll official in which the county official stated law dictated the complete re-identification process.

City attorney Mark Vaughan researched the law dealing with the election and possible re-identification and discovered that the re-identification process was not mandated, but could be used if so desired by city officials.

After reporting his findings to city officials, it was announced that the city would use the existing poll list for the upcoming election and publish the list along with the map showing district lines within the city prior to the election. After the list is published, voters not appearing on the list will have to re-identify to vote in the election.

The decision not to order the re-identification was reportedly made in an effort to reduce confusion already caused by changes in county districts and Democratic primary rules and to save city residents the high cost of the re-identification process.

National Security takeover bid halted

On March 2, 1988, Alabama Insurance Commissioner John S. Green issued an order disapproving the acquisition of 22.2 percent or more of the common stock of National Security Insurance Co. by a group consisting of Louis J. Rousset, Victory Financial Group, Inc. and Mutual Savings Life Insurance Co.

National Security had opposed this acquisition at the public hearing

held Jan. 11-13. Grounds cited by the commissioner, based on the Form A filing of Mutual Savings and the evidence presented at the hearing, were:

"That the effect of this acquisition will lessen competition in the insurance industry in the state of Alabama.

"That the financial condition of

Mutual Savings will jeopardize the financial stability of National Security and prejudice the interest of policyholders.

"That Mutual Savings had plans to make substantial changes to National Security's business or corporate structure or management which was testified to at the hearing which are deemed to be unfair and unreasonable and not to be in the

public interest.

"That the absence of a specific management plan relating to the competence, experience and integrity of those persons who would control the operation of National Security are such that it will not be in the interest of the policyholders of National Security or of the public to permit this acquisition of control."

Board remains concerned about loss of water

The Elba Water and Electric Board met Tuesday evening with chairman Oscar Vaughan presiding. The board bought a truck, paid the bills and anguished over the continuing losses of large amounts of

water. A dump truck was purchased from Cook Chevrolet, after board members were told that of 13 bid requests, only Cook offered a positive bid. The truck and dump

body will cost \$20,545.65. One Enterprise dealer returned a "no bid" stating he couldn't assure delivery time from the factory.

The board approved payment of \$18,365.20 after hearing that the two major expenditures were sewer lift station repairs of \$2182.64 and disposal of cancer-causing PCB containing capacitors at \$7,699.80.

Reviewing the financial figures for the past month, board members noted that the 7.5 percent loss in the electric department was within acceptable limits, according to consultants. However, the water loss continues to be high with unacceptable water exceeding to over 33 percent of the amount pumped.

Board members were told that an estimate had already been put in for fire department use, etc., and that the 33 percent loss was a real loss.

Losses in the rural water area and the maintaining of the sewer pump stations continue to plague the department.

A review of the accounts receivable indicated \$10,853.87 in late payments, \$755.45 in returned checks and bad debts for the month totaling \$789.03. Of the returned checks, five have been turned over to the courts for collection already.

The list of late payments includes several people who are more than one month behind with their payments, including one that is five months behind before the meter was pulled. No explanation was given as to why one individual is allowed to run five months behind and others cut off much earlier. One church was listed as owing four months and several individuals appeared to owe three-month accounts.

GTE adds service in New Brocton

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Cutbacks continue to mount for 1988 Ft. Rucker budget

Ft. Rucker has received further cuts to its fiscal year 1988 (Oct. 1, 1987 - Sept. 30, 1988) budget, making the year's total budget now \$265 million. FY 87's was \$306 million.

The major impact area is in the Army Aviation Center's lifeline, flight training, with a loss beginning April 1 of \$12 million and 820 students. Added to the decrement that became effective in February, the fiscal year's planned student load of 6,600 is reduced by one-third.

New training cuts will impact in initial entry aviator training and in new systems training courses for the AH-64, UH-60, CH-47D and OH-58D. Previous reductions were in the lower-cost graduate courses, such as instrument flight examiner, rotary wing qualifications and rotary wing aviator refresher training.

The reduction in flight training affects two major contractors: Sikorsky Support Services, Inc., which has the maintenance and refueling contracts, and Pan Am Support Services, Inc., the rotary wing flight contractor.

FlightSafety International, contractor for the fixed wing multi-engine qualification course, will not sustain additional reductions.

The civilian work force will also feel the budget crunch because the civilian strength has to be reduced 100 spaces by the end of FY 88.

However, Col. Willis R. Bunting, chief of staff, stressed that no general reduction-in-force is foreseen now.

Actions to alleviate that are a total hiring freeze put into effect Monday, Feb. 29, a drastic curtailment in overtime work allowed, a reduction in the amount of performance awards civilians can receive, and the termination March 11 of 32 temporary and 22 student aid spaces.

It is anticipated the remaining dollar deficit and necessary space reductions will be met by normal attrition of employees by Sept. 30.

Qualifying to begin March 12

The Coffee County Democratic Party will meet this Saturday morning in the Elba courthouse for the purpose of beginning the qualifying for several county officials.

Chairman Jackson W. Stokes said Tuesday that several offices are up for election this year, including that of probate judge, all board members. Qualifying will begin at 9 a.m.

Voters will also select a circuit clerk, district judge and a circuit judge. The circuit judge seat up for election is the one presently held by Terry Butts of Elba.



Mrs. Loreen Gephardt (second from left) is greeted by Elba Chamber of Commerce director Gene Kennett during a visit to Elba last week. Mrs. Gephardt's visit apparently paid dividends as her son, Sen. Richard Gephardt, was the top vote-getter in the city.

Tattoos may conceal new drug

Area law enforcement officials have reported that the latest in the continuing drug inducements to children and young adults has hit the streets in the form of a tattoo called "Blue Star," and all parents are being warned to keep an eye on the items that are reported to be available across the nation.

The latest drug is a small piece of white paper containing blue stars the size of a pencil eraser. Each star is reportedly soaked with LSD and each star can be removed and placed in the mouth.

The stars can also be absorbed through the skin simply by handling the paper. There are also brightly colored paper tabs that resemble

postage stamps that have pictures of clowns, Superman, Mickey Mouse and other Disney characters on them. These stamps are packaged in a red cardboard box wrapped in foil and both papers are simply the latest in methods of selling LSD to young children.

A young child could happen upon the drug by accident or through a gift from an older person who would do it to see the youngster have a "bad trip."

All parents are urged to keep an eye on anything similar to the items mentioned above and if any suspicious items are found, please notify the nearest police department.

March 11 is Little Miss Elba deadline

The annual Little Miss Elba pageants will be held Saturday, March 26, at the Elba High School auditorium at 7 p.m., and all parents of potential contestants are reminded that the deadline to enter this year's event is Friday, March 11, at 3 p.m.

Entry forms and rules were given to all first-grade pupils at the

elementary school recently, and the forms must be turned in at the principal's office at the school prior to the deadline.

The pageant is sponsored by the Elba Athletic Club. For more information parents may call pageant chairman Ricky Mularz at 897-5977 (nights).